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COMMITTEE FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND  
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Working Party on Standardization of  
Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Specialized Section on Standardization of  
Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit)  
19-22 June 2000, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Monday, 19 June 2000

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| 1. Adoption of the agenda                            | TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/1 |
| 2. Matters of interest since the forty-sixth session | TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/2 |

**3. Consideration of UN/ECE Recommendations**

**(a) Inshell Hazelnuts**

Text of the recommendation TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/3 (Secretariat)

Proposals TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/4 (Turkey)

**(b) Hazelnut Kernels**

Text of the recommendation TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/5 (Secretariat)

Proposals TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/6 (Turkey)

**(c) Walnut Kernels**

Text of the recommendation TRADE/WP.7/1999/7/Add.3

Proposals TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/7 (France, Spain, United States)

**4. Revision of UN/ECE standards**

**(a) Inshell Walnuts**

Text of the standard in force TRADE/WP.7/1999/7/Add.4

Proposals TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/8 (France)

**(b) Decorticated and Decorticated Peeled Pistachio Nuts**

Text of the standard in force TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/9 (Secretariat)

Proposals TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/10 (Turkey, United States)

**(c) Unshelled Pistachio Nuts**

Text of the standard in force TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/11 (Secretariat)

Proposals TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/12 (Turkey, United States)

**5. Revision of the Standard Layout for Dry and Dried Produce**

**(a) Main text of the layout**

Text adopted at the last session TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1999/12, Appendix 3

New proposals TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/13

- (b) Annex: Determination of the moisture content**

Document presented at the last session      TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1999/8 (Spain)

New proposals      TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/14
- (c) Annex: Terms recommended and definition of defects**

Document presented at the last session      TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1999/11 (Spain)

New proposals      TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/15
- 6. Dictionary of Defects**      TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/16
- 7. Elaboration of a sampling plan**      AGRI/WP.1/GE.2/R.56/Rev.3
- 8. Operational activities**
- 9. Matters of interest arising from the work of**

  - (a) Codex Alimentarius Commission
  - (b) European Union
  - (c) OECD Scheme
- 10. Other business**
- 11. Preparation of the next session**

  - (a) Future work/ Action list
  - (b) Date and place
  - (c) Preparation of the 56th session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development
- 12. Election of officers**
- 13. Adoption of the report**

### Proposed timetable

19	June	10.00 - 13.00	Items 1- 3 (a)
		15.00 - 18.00	Item 3 (b) (c)
20	June	10.00 - 13-00	Item 4 (a)
		16.00 - 18.00	Items 4 (b) (c)
21	June	10.00 - 13-00	Items 5 - 12
22	June	10.00 - 13-00	Item 13

### ANNOTATIONS

#### **Item 1 Adoption of the agenda**

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

#### **Item 2 Matters of interest arising since the forty-sixth session**

Document TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/2 sums up the relevant outcome of the third session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development and the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development.

#### **Item 3 Consideration of UN/ECE Recommendations**

##### **(a) Inshell Hazelnuts**

Documents for this session:	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/3	Text of the recommendation (Secretariat)
	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/4	Proposals (Turkey)

##### **(b) Hazelnut Kernels**

Documents for this session:	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/5	Text of the recommendation (Secretariat)
	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/6	Proposals (Turkey)

**Background:** The trial period for the UN/ECE recommendations ends in November 2000. According to the working procedures the Specialized Section is invited to review the recommendations with the goal of removing reservations. The Specialized Section will then propose to the Working Party that the recommendations be adopted as UN/ECE standards or propose to extend the trial period.

**(c) Walnut Kernels**

*Discussion at the last session:* see TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1999/12 para. 27-52

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/1999/7/Add.3 Text of the recommendation  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/7 Proposals (France, Spain, United States)

**Background:** The trial period for this standard (which was extended in 1999) ends in November 2000. According to the working procedures the Specialized Section is invited to review the recommendation with the goal of removing reservations. The Specialized Section will then propose to the Working Party that the recommendations be adopted as UN/ECE standards or propose to extend the trial period.

The revised colour chart will need to be finalised (France, United States, Secretariat) before the recommendation can be adopted as a standard.

**Item 4 Revision of UN/ECE standards****(a) Inshell Walnuts**

*Discussion at the last session:* see TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1999/12 para. 60-74

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/1999/7/Add.4 Text of the standard in force (Secretariat)  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/8 Proposals (France)

**Background:** The text was adopted as a new UN/ECE standard by the Working Party in November 1999. The Specialized Section may wish to discuss quality tolerances again with the goal of removing reservations.

**(b) Decorticated and Decorticated Peeled Pistachio Nuts**

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/9 Text of the standard in force (Secretariat)  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/10 Proposals (Turkey, United States)

**(c) Unshelled Pistachio Nuts**

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/11 Text of the standard in force (Secretariat)  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/12 Proposals (Turkey, United States)

**Background:** It was agreed to review the UN/ECE Standards for Pistachio Nuts because the present texts no longer reflected current production and trade practices. Turkey offered to serve as rapporteur in collaboration with the United States. Input from other delegations, including other major producing countries such as Iran was invited.

**Item 5 Revision of the Standard Layout for Dry and Dried Produce****(a) Main text of the layout**

*Discussion at the last session:* see TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1999/12 para. 17-25

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1999/12, Appendix 3 Text adopted at the last session  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/13 New proposals

**Background:** The text adopted at the last session was distributed with the report for comments.

**(b) Annex: Determination of the moisture content**

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1999/8 Document presented at the last session (Spain)  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/14 New proposals

**(c) Annex: Terms recommended and definition of defects**

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1999/11 Document presented at the last session (Spain)  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/15 New proposals

**Background:** The delegation of Spain gave an introduction to the documents at the last session. It was mentioned that the decision on the drying temperature was most important. As these were complicated technical documents it was decided that delegations should review the documents and send comments to the rapporteur and the secretariat well before the next session.

**Item 6 Dictionary of Defects**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2000/16 Draft dictionary (Italy)

**Background:** It was decided to continue work on a dictionary of defects which at present exists in 5 languages. It was requested that it should be made available in electronic format. It should be examined if it was possible to include short explanations in English and French. Delegations were requested to send their respective language versions to the delegate of Italy.

**Item 7 Elaboration of a sampling plan**

**Background:** The question was last discussed at the forty-fifth session (see TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/14 paras. 52-53) where it was agreed to reflect on the elaboration of a sampling plan.

**Item 8 Operational activities**

Delegations are invited to discuss possibilities to assist southern-european countries and countries in transition in the application of UN/ECE standards.

**Item 9 Matters of interest arising from the work of**

- (a) **Codex Alimentarius Commission**
- (b) **European Union**
- (c) **OECD Scheme**

**Item 10 Other Business**

**Item 12 Preparation of the next session**

**(a) Future work/ Action list**

Delegations are invited to make proposals for future work of the Specialized Section.

**(b) Date and place of the next session**

**(c) Preparation of the 56th session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development**

Delegations are invited to mention any item that should be brought to the attention of the Working Party.

**Item 12 Election of officers**

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Specialized Section is expected to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. At its forty-sixth session the Group elected Mr. W. Staub (Germany) as its Chairman and Mr. M. Sciannella (Italy) as its Vice-Chairman.

**Item 13 Adoption of the report**

The Working Party will adopt the report of its forty-seventh session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT:

Contributions should be sent to the secretariat either on diskette by mail to :

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